

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number (if known) _____

Chapter you are filing under:

☒ Chapter 7

☐ Chapter 11

☐ Chapter 12

☐ Chapter 13

☐ Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Identify Yourself

About Debtor 1:

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

1. Your full name

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

James

First name

H

Middle name

Merrill

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

First name

Middle name

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years

Include your married or maiden names.

3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)

xxx-xx-1279

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About Debtor 1:

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years

☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.

☐ I have not used any business name or EINs.

Include trade names and *doing business as* names

Business name(s)

Business name(s)

EINs

EINs

5. Where you live

**16554 Buckner Pond Way
Crest Hill, IL 60403**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Will

County

County

If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.

If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

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6. Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy

Check one:

☒ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

☐ I have another reason.
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one.* (For a brief description of each, see *Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)*). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.
- ☒ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☐ Chapter 13
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8. **How you will pay the fee** ☒ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☐ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
- | | | |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|
| District _____ | When _____ | Case number _____ |
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| District _____ | When _____ | Case number _____ |
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10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?** ☒ No.
- ☐ Yes.
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Debtor _____ | Relationship to you _____ |
| District _____ | When _____ |
| Case number, if known _____ | |
| Debtor _____ | Relationship to you _____ |
| District _____ | When _____ |
| Case number, if known _____ | |
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11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☒ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you?
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it as part of this bankruptcy petition.

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Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor

12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?

☒ No. Go to Part 4.

☐ Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

Name of business, if any

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Check the appropriate box to describe your business:

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- ☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- ☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- ☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- ☐ None of the above

13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.

☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention

14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?

☒ No.

☐ Yes. What is the hazard? _____

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed? _____

For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?

Where is the property? _____

Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

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Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you **MUST** file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

- ☐ **I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.**

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**

- ☐ **Incapacity.**
I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.
- ☐ **Disability.**
My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.
- ☐ **Active duty.**
I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

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I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes

16. What kind of debts do you have?	16a.	Are your debts primarily consumer debts? <i>Consumer debts</i> are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16b.	Are your debts primarily business debts? <i>Business debts</i> are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16c.	State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts

17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?	<input type="checkbox"/> No.	I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.
Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes.	I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes

18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000
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19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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Part 7: Sign Below**For you**

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ James H Merrill**James H Merrill**

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2Executed on **February 21, 2018**

MM / DD / YYYY

Executed on _____

MM / DD / YYYY

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For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

/s/ Steven L Walker

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

February 21, 2018

MM / DD / YYYY

Steven L Walker 6325928

Printed name

Lynch Law Offices, P.C.

Firm name

1011 Warrenville Road, Ste. 150

Lisle, IL 60532

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone **630-960-4700**

Email address

SWalker@Lynch4Law.Com

6325928 IL

Bar number & State

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	James H Merrill		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106Sum

Summary of Your Assets and Liabilities and Certain Statistical Information

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Fill out all of your schedules first; then complete the information on this form. If you are filing amended schedules after you file your original forms, you must fill out a new *Summary* and check the box at the top of this page.

Part 1: Summarize Your Assets

		Your assets Value of what you own
1.	Schedule A/B: Property (Official Form 106A/B)	
1a.	Copy line 55, Total real estate, from Schedule A/B.....	\$ 209,689.00
1b.	Copy line 62, Total personal property, from Schedule A/B.....	\$ 12,317.00
1c.	Copy line 63, Total of all property on Schedule A/B.....	\$ 222,006.00

Part 2: Summarize Your Liabilities

		Your liabilities Amount you owe
2.	Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 106D)	
2a.	Copy the total you listed in Column A, <i>Amount of claim</i> , at the bottom of the last page of Part 1 of <i>Schedule D</i> ...	\$ 198,311.00
3.	Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims (Official Form 106E/F)	
3a.	Copy the total claims from Part 1 (priority unsecured claims) from line 6e of <i>Schedule E/F</i>	\$ 0.00
3b.	Copy the total claims from Part 2 (nonpriority unsecured claims) from line 6j of <i>Schedule E/F</i>	\$ 95,284.00
Your total liabilities		\$ 293,595.00

Part 3: Summarize Your Income and Expenses

4.	Schedule I: Your Income (Official Form 106I)	
	Copy your combined monthly income from line 12 of <i>Schedule I</i>	\$ 2,800.15
5.	Schedule J: Your Expenses (Official Form 106J)	
	Copy your monthly expenses from line 22c of <i>Schedule J</i>	\$ 2,796.67

Part 4: Answer These Questions for Administrative and Statistical Records

6. Are you filing for bankruptcy under Chapters 7, 11, or 13?

☐ No. You have nothing to report on this part of the form. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.

☒ Yes

7. What kind of debt do you have?

☒ **Your debts are primarily consumer debts.** *Consumer debts* are those "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." 11 U.S.C. § 101(8). Fill out lines 8-9g for statistical purposes. 28 U.S.C. § 159.

☐ **Your debts are not primarily consumer debts.** You have nothing to report on this part of the form. *Check this box* and submit this form to the court with your other schedules.

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8. **From the *Statement of Your Current Monthly Income*:** Copy your total current monthly income from Official Form 122A-1 Line 11; **OR**, Form 122B Line 11; **OR**, Form 122C-1 Line 14.

\$ **535.15**

9. **Copy the following special categories of claims from Part 4, line 6 of *Schedule E/F*:**

	Total claim
From Part 4 on <i>Schedule E/F</i>, copy the following:	
9a. Domestic support obligations (Copy line 6a.)	\$ 0.00
9b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government. (Copy line 6b.)	\$ 0.00
9c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated. (Copy line 6c.)	\$ 0.00
9d. Student loans. (Copy line 6f.)	\$ 0.00
9e. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims. (Copy line 6g.)	\$ 0.00
9f. Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts. (Copy line 6h.)	+\$ 0.00
9g. Total. Add lines 9a through 9f.	\$ 0.00

Fill in this information to identify your case and this filing:

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	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
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☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106A/B Schedule A/B: Property

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In each category, separately list and describe items. List an asset only once. If an asset fits in more than one category, list the asset in the category where you think it fits best. Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Describe Each Residence, Building, Land, or Other Real Estate You Own or Have an Interest In

1. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any residence, building, land, or similar property?

- ☐ No. Go to Part 2.
- ☒ Yes. Where is the property?

1.1

16554 Buckner Pond Way

Street address, if available, or other description

Crest Hill **IL** **60403-0000**

City State ZIP Code

Will

County

What is the property? Check all that apply

- ☐ Single-family home
- ☐ Duplex or multi-unit building
- ☐ Condominium or cooperative
- ☐ Manufactured or mobile home
- ☐ Land
- ☐ Investment property
- ☐ Timeshare
- ☒ Other **Townhome**

Who has an interest in the property? Check one

- ☒ Debtor 1 only
- ☐ Debtor 2 only
- ☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only
- ☐ At least one of the debtors and another

Other information you wish to add about this item, such as local property identification number:

Value via Zillow on February 20, 2018

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions. Put the amount of any secured claims on *Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property*.

Current value of the entire property?	Current value of the portion you own?
\$209,689.00	\$209,689.00

Describe the nature of your ownership interest (such as fee simple, tenancy by the entireties, or a life estate), if known.

Fee Simple

☐ Check if this is community property (see instructions)

2. Add the dollar value of the portion you own for all of your entries from Part 1, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 1. Write that number here.....=>

\$209,689.00

Part 2: Describe Your Vehicles

Do you own, lease, or have legal or equitable interest in any vehicles, whether they are registered or not? Include any vehicles you own that someone else drives. If you lease a vehicle, also report it on *Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases*.

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3. Cars, vans, trucks, tractors, sport utility vehicles, motorcycles☐ No☒ Yes

3.1 Make: **Mini**
 Model: **Clubman**
 Year: **2012**
 Approximate mileage: **100500**
 Other information:

**Value via Nadaguides on
February 20, 2018**

Who has an interest in the property? Check one

- ☒ Debtor 1 only
☐ Debtor 2 only
☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only
☐ At least one of the debtors and another
☐ Check if this is community property
 (see instructions)

Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions. Put
the amount of any secured claims on *Schedule D:
Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property.*

Current value of the
entire property?Current value of the
portion you own?**\$4,975.00****\$4,975.00****4. Watercraft, aircraft, motor homes, ATVs and other recreational vehicles, other vehicles, and accessories**

Examples: Boats, trailers, motors, personal watercraft, fishing vessels, snowmobiles, motorcycle accessories

☒ No☐ Yes

**5 Add the dollar value of the portion you own for all of your entries from Part 2, including any entries for
pages you have attached for Part 2. Write that number here.....=>**

\$4,975.00**Part 3: Describe Your Personal and Household Items**

Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following items?

**Current value of the
portion you own?**
Do not deduct secured
claims or exemptions.

6. Household goods and furnishings

Examples: Major appliances, furniture, linens, china, kitchenware

☐ No☒ Yes. Describe.....

**Household Goods and Furnishings Located at Debtor's Residence
- Resale Value**

\$1,000.00**7. Electronics**

Examples: Televisions and radios; audio, video, stereo, and digital equipment; computers, printers, scanners; music collections; electronic devices including cell phones, cameras, media players, games

☐ No☒ Yes. Describe.....**Cellular Phone and Electronic Items****\$240.00****8. Collectibles of value**

Examples: Antiques and figurines; paintings, prints, or other artwork; books, pictures, or other art objects; stamp, coin, or baseball card collections; other collections, memorabilia, collectibles

☒ No☐ Yes. Describe.....**9. Equipment for sports and hobbies**

Examples: Sports, photographic, exercise, and other hobby equipment; bicycles, pool tables, golf clubs, skis; canoes and kayaks; carpentry tools; musical instruments

☒ No☐ Yes. Describe.....**10. Firearms**

Examples: Pistols, rifles, shotguns, ammunition, and related equipment

☐ No

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☒ Yes. Describe.....**357 Magnum****\$100.00****11. Clothes***Examples:* Everyday clothes, furs, leather coats, designer wear, shoes, accessories☐ No☒ Yes. Describe.....**Personal Clothing of Debtor****\$185.00****12. Jewelry***Examples:* Everyday jewelry, costume jewelry, engagement rings, wedding rings, heirloom jewelry, watches, gems, gold, silver☒ No☐ Yes. Describe.....**13. Non-farm animals***Examples:* Dogs, cats, birds, horses☐ No☒ Yes. Describe.....**2 Westie
1 Chihuahua****\$0.00****14. Any other personal and household items you did not already list, including any health aids you did not list**☐ No☒ Yes. Give specific information.....**Walking Cane****\$0.00****15. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 3, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 3. Write that number here****\$1,525.00****Part 4: Describe Your Financial Assets****Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any of the following?****Current value of the
portion you own?**
Do not deduct secured
claims or exemptions.**16. Cash***Examples:* Money you have in your wallet, in your home, in a safe deposit box, and on hand when you file your petition☐ No☒ Yes.....**Cash on Hand****\$80.00****17. Deposits of money***Examples:* Checking, savings, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in credit unions, brokerage houses, and other similar institutions. If you have multiple accounts with the same institution, list each.☐ No☒ Yes.....

Institution name:

17.1. Checking**PNC Bank****\$850.00**

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17.2. **Savings**PNC Bank\$12.00**18. Bonds, mutual funds, or publicly traded stocks***Examples: Bond funds, investment accounts with brokerage firms, money market accounts*☒ No☐ Yes..... Institution or issuer name:**19. Non-publicly traded stock and interests in incorporated and unincorporated businesses, including an interest in an LLC, partnership, and joint venture**☒ No☐ Yes. Give specific information about them.....

Name of entity:

% of ownership:

20. Government and corporate bonds and other negotiable and non-negotiable instruments*Negotiable instruments* include personal checks, cashiers' checks, promissory notes, and money orders.*Non-negotiable instruments* are those you cannot transfer to someone by signing or delivering them.☒ No☐ Yes. Give specific information about them

Issuer name:

21. Retirement or pension accounts*Examples: Interests in IRA, ERISA, Keogh, 401(k), 403(b), thrift savings accounts, or other pension or profit-sharing plans*☒ No☐ Yes. List each account separately.

Type of account:

Institution name:

22. Security deposits and prepayments

Your share of all unused deposits you have made so that you may continue service or use from a company

Examples: Agreements with landlords, prepaid rent, public utilities (electric, gas, water), telecommunications companies, or others☒ No☐ Yes.

Institution name or individual:

23. Annuities (A contract for a periodic payment of money to you, either for life or for a number of years)☒ No☐ Yes..... Issuer name and description.**24. Interests in an education IRA, in an account in a qualified ABLE program, or under a qualified state tuition program.**

26 U.S.C. §§ 530(b)(1), 529A(b), and 529(b)(1).

☒ No☐ Yes..... Institution name and description. Separately file the records of any interests. 11 U.S.C. § 521(c):**25. Trusts, equitable or future interests in property (other than anything listed in line 1), and rights or powers exercisable for your benefit**☒ No☐ Yes. Give specific information about them...**26. Patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, and other intellectual property***Examples: Internet domain names, websites, proceeds from royalties and licensing agreements*☒ No☐ Yes. Give specific information about them...**27. Licenses, franchises, and other general intangibles***Examples: Building permits, exclusive licenses, cooperative association holdings, liquor licenses, professional licenses*☒ No☐ Yes. Give specific information about them...**Money or property owed to you?****Current value of the portion you own?**
Do not deduct secured claims or exemptions.

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28. Tax refunds owed to you☐ No☒ Yes. Give specific information about them, including whether you already filed the returns and the tax years.....**Anticipated 2017 Tax Refund****Federal****\$4,875.00****29. Family support***Examples:* Past due or lump sum alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, property settlement☒ No☐ Yes. Give specific information.....**30. Other amounts someone owes you***Examples:* Unpaid wages, disability insurance payments, disability benefits, sick pay, vacation pay, workers' compensation, Social Security benefits; unpaid loans you made to someone else☒ No☐ Yes. Give specific information..**31. Interests in insurance policies***Examples:* Health, disability, or life insurance; health savings account (HSA); credit, homeowner's, or renter's insurance☐ No☒ Yes. Name the insurance company of each policy and list its value.

Company name:

Beneficiary:

Surrender or refund
value:**GEA - Term Life Insurance****Julie; Ryan; Keith;
Molly - Merrill (x4)****\$0.00****32. Any interest in property that is due you from someone who has died**

If you are the beneficiary of a living trust, expect proceeds from a life insurance policy, or are currently entitled to receive property because someone has died.

☒ No☐ Yes. Give specific information..**33. Claims against third parties, whether or not you have filed a lawsuit or made a demand for payment***Examples:* Accidents, employment disputes, insurance claims, or rights to sue☐ No☒ Yes. Describe each claim.....**Workers Compensaiton - Ankin Law Office, LLC, 10 N.
Dearborn St #500, Chicago, IL 60602****Unknown****Personal Injury - Homeowner from Workers Comp. Injury.
Ankin Law Office, LLC, 10 N Dearborn St #500, Chicago, IL
60602****Unknown****34. Other contingent and unliquidated claims of every nature, including counterclaims of the debtor and rights to set off claims**☒ No☐ Yes. Describe each claim.....**35. Any financial assets you did not already list**☒ No☐ Yes. Give specific information..**36. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 4, including any entries for pages you have attached for Part 4. Write that number here.....****\$5,817.00**

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Part 5: Describe Any Business-Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In. List any real estate in Part 1.

37. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any business-related property?

- ☒ No. Go to Part 6.
- ☐ Yes. Go to line 38.

Part 6: Describe Any Farm- and Commercial Fishing-Related Property You Own or Have an Interest In.

If you own or have an interest in farmland, list it in Part 1.

46. Do you own or have any legal or equitable interest in any farm- or commercial fishing-related property?

- ☒ No. Go to Part 7.
- ☐ Yes. Go to line 47.

Part 7: Describe All Property You Own or Have an Interest in That You Did Not List Above

53. Do you have other property of any kind you did not already list?

Examples: Season tickets, country club membership

- ☒ No
- ☐ Yes. Give specific information.....

54. Add the dollar value of all of your entries from Part 7. Write that number here

\$0.00**Part 8: List the Totals of Each Part of this Form**

55. Part 1: Total real estate, line 2		\$209,689.00
56. Part 2: Total vehicles, line 5	<u>\$4,975.00</u>	
57. Part 3: Total personal and household items, line 15	<u>\$1,525.00</u>	
58. Part 4: Total financial assets, line 36	<u>\$5,817.00</u>	
59. Part 5: Total business-related property, line 45	<u>\$0.00</u>	
60. Part 6: Total farm- and fishing-related property, line 52	<u>\$0.00</u>	
61. Part 7: Total other property not listed, line 54	<u>\$0.00</u>	
	+	
62. Total personal property. Add lines 56 through 61...	<u>\$12,317.00</u>	Copy personal property total \$12,317.00
63. Total of all property on Schedule A/B. Add line 55 + line 62		\$222,006.00

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	James H Merrill		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106C

Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Using the property you listed on *Schedule A/B: Property* (Official Form 106A/B) as your source, list the property that you claim as exempt. If more space is needed, fill out and attach to this page as many copies of *Part 2: Additional Page* as necessary. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

For each item of property you claim as exempt, you must specify the amount of the exemption you claim. One way of doing so is to state a specific dollar amount as exempt. Alternatively, you may claim the full fair market value of the property being exempted up to the amount of any applicable statutory limit. Some exemptions—such as those for health aids, rights to receive certain benefits, and tax-exempt retirement funds—may be unlimited in dollar amount. However, if you claim an exemption of 100% of fair market value under a law that limits the exemption to a particular dollar amount and the value of the property is determined to exceed that amount, your exemption would be limited to the applicable statutory amount.

Part 1: Identify the Property You Claim as Exempt

1. Which set of exemptions are you claiming? Check one only, even if your spouse is filing with you.

- ☒ You are claiming state and federal nonbankruptcy exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(3)
- ☐ You are claiming federal exemptions. 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(2)

2. For any property you list on *Schedule A/B* that you claim as exempt, fill in the information below.

Brief description of the property and line on <i>Schedule A/B</i> that lists this property	Current value of the portion you own <small>Copy the value from <i>Schedule A/B</i></small>	Amount of the exemption you claim <small>Check only one box for each exemption.</small>	Specific laws that allow exemption
16554 Buckner Pond Way Crest Hill, IL 60403 Will County Value via Zillow on February 20, 2018 Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 1.1	\$209,689.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$11,378.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-901
2012 Mini Clubman 100500 miles Value via Nadaguides on February 20, 2018 Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 3.1	\$4,975.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$2,400.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(c)
2012 Mini Clubman 100500 miles Value via Nadaguides on February 20, 2018 Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 3.1	\$4,975.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$2,575.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
357 Magnum Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 10.1	\$100.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	20 ILCS 1805/10
Personal Clothing of Debtor Line from <i>Schedule A/B</i> : 11.1	\$185.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$185.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(a)

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Brief description of the property and line on Schedule A/B that lists this property	Current value of the portion you own <small>Copy the value from Schedule A/B</small>	Amount of the exemption you claim <small>Check only one box for each exemption.</small>	Specific laws that allow exemption
Cash on Hand Line from Schedule A/B: 16.1	\$80.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$80.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
Checking: PNC Bank Line from Schedule A/B: 17.1	\$850.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$850.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
Savings: PNC Bank Line from Schedule A/B: 17.2	\$12.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b)
Workers Compensaiton - Ankin Law Office, LLC, 10 N. Dearborn St #500, Chicago, IL 60602 Line from Schedule A/B: 33.1	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	820 ILCS 305/21
Personal Injury - Homeowner from Workers Comp. Injury. Ankin Law Office, LLC, 10 N Dearborn St #500, Chicago, IL 60602 Line from Schedule A/B: 33.2	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 100% of fair market value, up to any applicable statutory limit	735 ILCS 5/12-1001(h)(4)

3. **Are you claiming a homestead exemption of more than \$160,375?**

(Subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.)

☒ No☐ Yes. Did you acquire the property covered by the exemption within 1,215 days before you filed this case?☐ No☐ Yes

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	James H Merrill		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

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Official Form 106D

Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

1. Do any creditors have claims secured by your property?

- ☐ No. Check this box and submit this form to the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.
- ☒ Yes. Fill in all of the information below.

Part 1: List All Secured Claims

2. List all secured claims. If a creditor has more than one secured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. If more than one creditor has a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 2. As much as possible, list the claims in alphabetical order according to the creditor's name.

	Column A Amount of claim Do not deduct the value of collateral.	Column B Value of collateral that supports this claim	Column C Unsecured portion If any
2.1 PNC Bank <small>Creditor's Name</small> Attn: Bankruptcy Department Po Box 94982: Mailstop Br-Yb58-01-5 Cleveland, OH 44101 <small>Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code</small>	Describe the property that secures the claim: 16554 Buckner Pond Way Crest Hill, IL 60403 Will County Value via Zillow on February 20, 2018 <small>As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply.</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Nature of lien. Check all that apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An agreement you made (such as mortgage or secured car loan) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory lien (such as tax lien, mechanic's lien) <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment lien from a lawsuit <input type="checkbox"/> Other (including a right to offset)	\$52,557.00	\$209,689.00
Who owes the debt? Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim relates to a community debt			\$0.00
Date debt was incurred Opened 03/06 Last Active 09/17 Last 4 digits of account number 9723			

2.2 Wells Fargo Home Mor <small>Creditor's Name</small> Written Correspondence Resolutions Mac#2302-04e DesMoines, IA 50306 <small>Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code</small>	Describe the property that secures the claim: 16554 Buckner Pond Way Crest Hill, IL 60403 Will County Value via Zillow on February 20, 2018 <small>As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply.</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Nature of lien. Check all that apply. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An agreement you made (such as mortgage or secured car loan) <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory lien (such as tax lien, mechanic's lien) <input type="checkbox"/> Judgment lien from a lawsuit	\$145,754.00	\$209,689.00
Who owes the debt? Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another			\$0.00

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First Name Middle Name Last Name

☐ Check if this claim relates to a community debt ☐ Other (including a right to offset) _____

Opened
08/09 Last
Date debt was incurred **Active 02/18** Last 4 digits of account number **2248**

Add the dollar value of your entries in Column A on this page. Write that number here:

\$198,311.00

If this is the last page of your form, add the dollar value totals from all pages.
Write that number here:

\$198,311.00

Part 2: List Others to Be Notified for a Debt That You Already Listed

Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy for a debt that you already listed in Part 1. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the creditor in Part 1, and then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Part 1, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Part 1, do not fill out or submit this page.

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	James H Merrill		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2			
(Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number			
(if known)			

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Official Form 106E/F

Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. Use Part 1 for creditors with PRIORITY claims and Part 2 for creditors with NONPRIORITY claims. List the other party to any executory contracts or unexpired leases that could result in a claim. Also list executory contracts on Schedule A/B: Property (Official Form 106A/B) and on Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 106G). Do not include any creditors with partially secured claims that are listed in Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property. If more space is needed, copy the Part you need, fill it out, number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Continuation Page to this page. If you have no information to report in a Part, do not file that Part. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

Part 1: List All of Your PRIORITY Unsecured Claims

1. Do any creditors have priority unsecured claims against you?

☐ No. Go to Part 2.

☒ Yes.

2. List all of your priority unsecured claims. If a creditor has more than one priority unsecured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. For each claim listed, identify what type of claim it is. If a claim has both priority and nonpriority amounts, list that claim here and show both priority and nonpriority amounts. As much as possible, list the claims in alphabetical order according to the creditor's name. If you have more than two priority unsecured claims, fill out the Continuation Page of Part 1. If more than one creditor holds a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 3.

(For an explanation of each type of claim, see the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet.)

		Total claim	Priority amount	Nonpriority amount
2.1	Illinois Department of Revenue Priority Creditor's Name Bankruptcy Section PO Box 64338 Chicago, IL 60664-0338 Number Street City State Zip Code	Last 4 digits of account number	\$0.00	\$0.00
	When was the debt incurred?			\$0.00
	Who incurred the debt? Check one.			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only			
	<input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt			
	Is the claim subject to offset?			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes			
	As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Contingent			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Disputed			
	Type of PRIORITY unsecured claim:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic support obligations			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify _____			
	Notice Only			

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Case number (if know)

2.2	Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Priority Creditor's Name PO Box 7346 Philadelphia, PA 19101-7346 Number Street City State Zip Code	Last 4 digits of account number _____	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Who incurred the debt? Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	When was the debt incurred? _____ As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Type of PRIORITY unsecured claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic support obligations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government <input type="checkbox"/> Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify _____			

Notice Only**Part 2: List All of Your NONPRIORITY Unsecured Claims****3. Do any creditors have nonpriority unsecured claims against you?**
☐ No. You have nothing to report in this part. Submit this form to the court with your other schedules.

☒ Yes.

4. List all of your nonpriority unsecured claims in the alphabetical order of the creditor who holds each claim. If a creditor has more than one nonpriority unsecured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim. For each claim listed, identify what type of claim it is. Do not list claims already included in Part 1. If more than one creditor holds a particular claim, list the other creditors in Part 3. If you have more than three nonpriority unsecured claims fill out the Continuation Page of Part 2.

4.1	Amex Nonpriority Creditor's Name Correspondence Po Box 981540 El Paso, TX 79998 Number Street City State Zip Code Who incurred the debt? Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Last 4 digits of account number 5023 When was the debt incurred? Opened 08/77 Last Active 1/23/18 _____ As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify Credit Card	Total claim \$10,625.00
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4.2	Capital One Na Nonpriority Creditor's Name Attn: General Correspondence/Bankruptcy Po Box 30285 Salt Lake City, UT 84130 Number Street City State Zip Code Who incurred the debt? Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Last 4 digits of account number <u>1215</u> \$13,935.00 When was the debt incurred? <u>Opened 02/08 Last Active 09/17</u> As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify <u>Credit Card</u>
4.3	Citibank / Sears Nonpriority Creditor's Name Citicorp Credit Services/Attn: Centraliz Po Box 790040 Saint Louis, MO 63179 Number Street City State Zip Code Who incurred the debt? Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Last 4 digits of account number <u>9168</u> \$17,455.00 When was the debt incurred? <u>Opened 06/72 Last Active 08/17</u> As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify <u>Credit Card</u>
4.4	Citibank/Shell Oil Nonpriority Creditor's Name Citicorp Srvs/ Centralized Bankruptcy Po Box 790040 St Louis, MO 63179 Number Street City State Zip Code Who incurred the debt? Check one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only <input type="checkbox"/> At least one of the debtors and another <input type="checkbox"/> Check if this claim is for a community debt Is the claim subject to offset? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Last 4 digits of account number <u>4138</u> \$377.00 When was the debt incurred? <u>Opened 11/80 Last Active 07/17</u> As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim: <input type="checkbox"/> Student loans <input type="checkbox"/> Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims <input type="checkbox"/> Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify <u>Credit Card</u>

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Case number (if know)

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Citicards Cbna

Nonpriority Creditor's Name

**Citicorp Credit Svc/Centralized
Bankrupt****Po Box 790040****Saint Louis, MO 63179**

Number Street City State Zip Code

Who incurred the debt? Check one.

☒ Debtor 1 only☐ Debtor 2 only☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only☐ At least one of the debtors and another☐ Check if this claim is for a community debt

Is the claim subject to offset?

☒ No☐ YesLast 4 digits of account number **4343****\$47,719.00**When was the debt incurred? **Opened 06/06 Last Active
6/21/17**

As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply

☐ Contingent☐ Unliquidated☐ Disputed

Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:

☐ Student loans☐ Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims☐ Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts☒ Other. Specify **Credit Card**

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Synchrony Bank

Nonpriority Creditor's Name

Attn: Bankruptcy**Po Box 965060****Orlando, FL 32896**

Number Street City State Zip Code

Who incurred the debt? Check one.

☒ Debtor 1 only☐ Debtor 2 only☐ Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 only☐ At least one of the debtors and another☐ Check if this claim is for a community debt

Is the claim subject to offset?

☒ No☐ YesLast 4 digits of account number **6162****\$5,173.00**When was the debt incurred? **Opened 06/17 Last Active
09/17**

As of the date you file, the claim is: Check all that apply

☐ Contingent☐ Unliquidated☐ Disputed

Type of NONPRIORITY unsecured claim:

☐ Student loans☐ Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that you did not report as priority claims☐ Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts☒ Other. Specify **Credit Card****Part 3: List Others to Be Notified About a Debt That You Already Listed**

5. Use this page only if you have others to be notified about your bankruptcy, for a debt that you already listed in Parts 1 or 2. For example, if a collection agency is trying to collect from you for a debt you owe to someone else, list the original creditor in Parts 1 or 2, then list the collection agency here. Similarly, if you have more than one creditor for any of the debts that you listed in Parts 1 or 2, list the additional creditors here. If you do not have additional persons to be notified for any debts in Parts 1 or 2, do not fill out or submit this page.

Part 4: Add the Amounts for Each Type of Unsecured Claim

6. Total the amounts of certain types of unsecured claims. This information is for statistical reporting purposes only. 28 U.S.C. §159. Add the amounts for each type of unsecured claim.

Total claims from Part 1	6a. Domestic support obligations	6a.	Total Claim	
		\$		0.00
	6b. Taxes and certain other debts you owe the government	6b.	\$	0.00
	6c. Claims for death or personal injury while you were intoxicated	6c.	\$	0.00
	6d. Other. Add all other priority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.	6d.	\$	0.00
	6e. Total Priority. Add lines 6a through 6d.	6e.	\$	0.00
Total claims from Part 2	6f. Student loans	6f.	Total Claim	
		\$		0.00
	6g. Obligations arising out of a separation agreement or divorce that	6g.	\$	0.00

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Case number (if know) _____

you did not report as priority claims

6h. **Debts to pension or profit-sharing plans, and other similar debts**

6h. \$ 0.00

6i. **Other.** Add all other nonpriority unsecured claims. Write that amount here.

6i. \$ 95,284.00

6j. **Total Nonpriority.** Add lines 6f through 6i.

6j. \$ 95,284.00

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	James H Merrill		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2 (Spouse if, filing)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)			

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Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the additional page, fill it out, number the entries, and attach it to this page. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

1. Do you have any executory contracts or unexpired leases?

- ☒ No. Check this box and file this form with the court with your other schedules. You have nothing else to report on this form.
☐ Yes. Fill in all of the information below even if the contacts of leases are listed on *Schedule A/B:Property* (Official Form 106 A/B).

2. List separately each person or company with whom you have the contract or lease. Then state what each contract or lease is for (for example, rent, vehicle lease, cell phone). See the instructions for this form in the instruction booklet for more examples of executory contracts and unexpired leases.

Person or company with whom you have the contract or lease Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code	State what the contract or lease is for
2.1	
Name	
Number Street	
City State ZIP Code	
2.2	
Name	
Number Street	
City State ZIP Code	
2.3	
Name	
Number Street	
City State ZIP Code	
2.4	
Name	
Number Street	
City State ZIP Code	
2.5	
Name	
Number Street	
City State ZIP Code	

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1	James H Merrill		
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Debtor 2			
(Spouse if, filing)	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number			
(if known)			

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106H Schedule H: Your Codebtors

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Codebtors are people or entities who are also liable for any debts you may have. Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, copy the Additional Page, fill it out, and number the entries in the boxes on the left. Attach the Additional Page to this page. On the top of any Additional Pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

1. Do you have any codebtors? (If you are filing a joint case, do not list either spouse as a codebtor.)

- ☒ No
☐ Yes

2. Within the last 8 years, have you lived in a community property state or territory? (Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin.)

- ☒ No. Go to line 3.
☐ Yes. Did your spouse, former spouse, or legal equivalent live with you at the time?

3. In Column 1, list all of your codebtors. Do not include your spouse as a codebtor if your spouse is filing with you. List the person shown in line 2 again as a codebtor only if that person is a guarantor or cosigner. Make sure you have listed the creditor on Schedule D (Official Form 106D), Schedule E/F (Official Form 106E/F), or Schedule G (Official Form 106G). Use Schedule D, Schedule E/F, or Schedule G to fill out Column 2.

Column 1: Your codebtor

Name, Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code

Column 2: The creditor to whom you owe the debt

Check all schedules that apply:

3.1

Name _____

Number _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

- ☐ Schedule D, line _____
☐ Schedule E/F, line _____
☐ Schedule G, line _____

3.2

Name _____

Number _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

- ☐ Schedule D, line _____
☐ Schedule E/F, line _____
☐ Schedule G, line _____

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 James H Merrill

Debtor 2 _____
(Spouse, if filing)

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number _____
(If known)

Check if this is:

- ☐ An amended filing
- ☐ A supplement showing postpetition chapter 13 income as of the following date:

MM / DD / YYYY

Official Form 106I

Schedule I: Your Income

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together (Debtor 1 and Debtor 2), both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If you are married and not filing jointly, and your spouse is living with you, include information about your spouse. If you are separated and your spouse is not filing with you, do not include information about your spouse. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Describe Employment

1. Fill in your employment information.

If you have more than one job, attach a separate page with information about additional employers.

Include part-time, seasonal, or self-employed work.

Occupation may include student or homemaker, if it applies.

Employment status

Occupation

Employer's name

Employer's address

Debtor 1

- ☒ Employed
- ☐ Not employed

Sales

Sears

3333 Beverly Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60179

Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse

- ☐ Employed
- ☐ Not employed

How long employed there? _____

Part 2: Give Details About Monthly Income

Estimate monthly income as of the date you file this form. If you have nothing to report for any line, write \$0 in the space. Include your non-filing spouse unless you are separated.

If you or your non-filing spouse have more than one employer, combine the information for all employers for that person on the lines below. If you need more space, attach a separate sheet to this form.

	For Debtor 1	For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
2. List monthly gross wages, salary, and commissions (before all payroll deductions). If not paid monthly, calculate what the monthly wage would be.	\$ 535.15	\$ N/A
3. Estimate and list monthly overtime pay.	+\$ 0.00	+\$ N/A
4. Calculate gross income. Add line 2 + line 3.	\$ 535.15	\$ N/A

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	For Debtor 1	For Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse
Copy line 4 here	4. \$ 535.15	\$ N/A
5. List all payroll deductions:		
5a. Tax, Medicare, and Social Security deductions	5a. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
5b. Mandatory contributions for retirement plans	5b. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
5c. Voluntary contributions for retirement plans	5c. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
5d. Required repayments of retirement fund loans	5d. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
5e. Insurance	5e. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
5f. Domestic support obligations	5f. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
5g. Union dues	5g. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
5h. Other deductions. Specify:	5h.+ \$ 0.00	+ \$ N/A
6. Add the payroll deductions. Add lines 5a+5b+5c+5d+5e+5f+5g+5h.	6. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
7. Calculate total monthly take-home pay. Subtract line 6 from line 4.	7. \$ 535.15	\$ N/A
8. List all other income regularly received:		
8a. Net income from rental property and from operating a business, profession, or farm Attach a statement for each property and business showing gross receipts, ordinary and necessary business expenses, and the total monthly net income.	8a. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
8b. Interest and dividends	8b. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
8c. Family support payments that you, a non-filing spouse, or a dependent regularly receive Include alimony, spousal support, child support, maintenance, divorce settlement, and property settlement.	8c. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
8d. Unemployment compensation	8d. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
8e. Social Security	8e. \$ 2,265.00	\$ N/A
8f. Other government assistance that you regularly receive Include cash assistance and the value (if known) of any non-cash assistance that you receive, such as food stamps (benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or housing subsidies. Specify:	8f. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
8g. Pension or retirement income	8g. \$ 0.00	\$ N/A
8h. Other monthly income. Specify:	8h.+ \$ 0.00	+ \$ N/A
9. Add all other income. Add lines 8a+8b+8c+8d+8e+8f+8g+8h.	9. \$ 2,265.00	\$ N/A
10. Calculate monthly income. Add line 7 + line 9. Add the entries in line 10 for Debtor 1 and Debtor 2 or non-filing spouse.	10. \$ 2,800.15 + \$ N/A = \$ 2,800.15	
11. State all other regular contributions to the expenses that you list in Schedule J. Include contributions from an unmarried partner, members of your household, your dependents, your roommates, and other friends or relatives. Do not include any amounts already included in lines 2-10 or amounts that are not available to pay expenses listed in Schedule J. Specify:		11. +\$ 0.00
12. Add the amount in the last column of line 10 to the amount in line 11. The result is the combined monthly income. Write that amount on the <i>Summary of Schedules</i> and <i>Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data</i> , if it applies		12. \$ 2,800.15 Combined monthly income
13. Do you expect an increase or decrease within the year after you file this form?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Explain:		

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 James H Merrill

Debtor 2 _____
(Spouse, if filing)

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number _____
(If known)

Check if this is:

- ☐ An amended filing
- ☐ A supplement showing postpetition chapter 13 expenses as of the following date:

MM / DD / YYYY

Official Form 106J

Schedule J: Your Expenses

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach another sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Describe Your Household

1. Is this a joint case?

☒ No. Go to line 2.

☐ Yes. Does Debtor 2 live in a separate household?

☐ No

☐ Yes. Debtor 2 must file Official Form 106J-2, *Expenses for Separate Household* of Debtor 2.

2. Do you have dependents? ☒ No

Do not list Debtor 1 and Debtor 2.

☐ Yes. Fill out this information for each dependent.....

Dependent's relationship to Debtor 1 or Debtor 2

Dependent's age

Does dependent live with you?

Do not state the dependents names.

- ☐ No
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Yes

3. Do your expenses include expenses of people other than yourself and your dependents? ☒ No
☐ Yes

Part 2: Estimate Your Ongoing Monthly Expenses

Estimate your expenses as of your bankruptcy filing date unless you are using this form as a supplement in a Chapter 13 case to report expenses as of a date after the bankruptcy is filed. If this is a supplemental *Schedule J*, check the box at the top of the form and fill in the applicable date.

Include expenses paid for with non-cash government assistance if you know the value of such assistance and have included it on *Schedule I: Your Income* (Official Form 106I.)

Your expenses

4. The rental or home ownership expenses for your residence. Include first mortgage payments and any rent for the ground or lot.

4. \$ 1,367.00

If not included in line 4:

4a. Real estate taxes

4a. \$ 0.00

4b. Property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance

4b. \$ 0.00

4c. Home maintenance, repair, and upkeep expenses

4c. \$ 0.00

4d. Homeowner's association or condominium dues

4d. \$ 301.00

5. Additional mortgage payments for your residence, such as home equity loans

5. \$ 0.00

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6. Utilities:								
6a. Electricity, heat, natural gas	6a. \$	120.00						
6b. Water, sewer, garbage collection	6b. \$	73.00						
6c. Telephone, cell phone, Internet, satellite, and cable services	6c. \$	73.00						
6d. Other. Specify: _____	6d. \$	0.00						
7. Food and housekeeping supplies	7. \$	350.00						
8. Childcare and children's education costs	8. \$	0.00						
9. Clothing, laundry, and dry cleaning	9. \$	50.00						
10. Personal care products and services	10. \$	15.00						
11. Medical and dental expenses	11. \$	50.00						
12. Transportation. Include gas, maintenance, bus or train fare. Do not include car payments.	12. \$	90.00						
13. Entertainment, clubs, recreation, newspapers, magazines, and books	13. \$	0.00						
14. Charitable contributions and religious donations	14. \$	0.00						
15. Insurance. Do not include insurance deducted from your pay or included in lines 4 or 20.								
15a. Life insurance	15a. \$	54.00						
15b. Health insurance	15b. \$	84.00						
15c. Vehicle insurance	15c. \$	66.67						
15d. Other insurance. Specify: _____	15d. \$	0.00						
16. Taxes. Do not include taxes deducted from your pay or included in lines 4 or 20. Specify: _____								
	16. \$	0.00						
17. Installment or lease payments:								
17a. Car payments for Vehicle 1	17a. \$	0.00						
17b. Car payments for Vehicle 2	17b. \$	0.00						
17c. Other. Specify: _____	17c. \$	0.00						
17d. Other. Specify: _____	17d. \$	0.00						
18. Your payments of alimony, maintenance, and support that you did not report as deducted from your pay on line 5, Schedule I, Your Income (Official Form 106I).								
	18. \$	0.00						
19. Other payments you make to support others who do not live with you.								
	\$	0.00						
Specify: _____								
20. Other real property expenses not included in lines 4 or 5 of this form or on Schedule I: Your Income.								
20a. Mortgages on other property	20a. \$	0.00						
20b. Real estate taxes	20b. \$	0.00						
20c. Property, homeowner's, or renter's insurance	20c. \$	0.00						
20d. Maintenance, repair, and upkeep expenses	20d. \$	0.00						
20e. Homeowner's association or condominium dues	20e. \$	0.00						
21. Other: Specify: Postage	21. +\$	3.00						
Pet Expenses	+\$	100.00						
22. Calculate your monthly expenses								
22a. Add lines 4 through 21.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>2,796.67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>\$</td> <td>2,796.67</td> </tr> </table> </div>		\$	2,796.67	\$		\$	2,796.67
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\$	2,796.67							
22b. Copy line 22 (monthly expenses for Debtor 2), if any, from Official Form 106J-2								
22c. Add line 22a and 22b. The result is your monthly expenses.								
23. Calculate your monthly net income.								
23a. Copy line 12 (your combined monthly income) from Schedule I.	23a. \$	2,800.15						
23b. Copy your monthly expenses from line 22c above.	23b. -\$	2,796.67						
23c. Subtract your monthly expenses from your monthly income. The result is your <i>monthly net income</i> .								
	23c. \$	3.48						
24. Do you expect an increase or decrease in your expenses within the year after you file this form? For example, do you expect to finish paying for your car loan within the year or do you expect your mortgage payment to increase or decrease because of a modification to the terms of your mortgage?								
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.								
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Explain here: _____								

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 James H Merrill
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2
(Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number
(if known) _____

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 106Dec

Declaration About an Individual Debtor's Schedules

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If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information.

You must file this form whenever you file bankruptcy schedules or amended schedules. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Sign Below

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is NOT an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No

☐ Yes. Name of person _____ Attach Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature (Official Form 119)

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the summary and schedules filed with this declaration and that they are true and correct.

X /s/ James H Merrill
James H Merrill
Signature of Debtor 1

X _____
Signature of Debtor 2

Date February 21, 2018

Date _____

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 **James H Merrill**
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2
(Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

Case number
(if known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 107

Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Part 1: Give Details About Your Marital Status and Where You Lived Before

1. What is your current marital status?

- ☐ Married
☒ Not married

2. During the last 3 years, have you lived anywhere other than where you live now?

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. List all of the places you lived in the last 3 years. Do not include where you live now.

Debtor 1 Prior Address:

Dates Debtor 1
lived there

Debtor 2 Prior Address:

Dates Debtor 2
lived there

3. Within the last 8 years, did you ever live with a spouse or legal equivalent in a community property state or territory? (*Community property states and territories include Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.*)

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Make sure you fill out *Schedule H: Your Codebtors* (Official Form 106H).

Part 2 Explain the Sources of Your Income

4. Did you have any income from employment or from operating a business during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Fill in the total amount of income you received from all jobs and all businesses, including part-time activities. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you receive together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

From January 1 of current year until the date you filed for bankruptcy:

Debtor 1

Sources of income
Check all that apply.

Gross income
(before deductions and exclusions)

- ☒ Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips
☐ Operating a business

\$352.50

Debtor 2

Sources of income
Check all that apply.

Gross income
(before deductions and exclusions)

- ☐ Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips
☐ Operating a business

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Case number (if known)

	Debtor 1	Debtor 2
	Sources of income Check all that apply.	Sources of income Check all that apply.
	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
For last calendar year: (January 1 to December 31, 2017)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business
	\$2,858.40	
For the calendar year before that: (January 1 to December 31, 2016)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, commissions, bonuses, tips <input type="checkbox"/> Operating a business
	\$20,108.00	

5. Did you receive any other income during this year or the two previous calendar years?

Include income regardless of whether that income is taxable. Examples of *other income* are alimony; child support; Social Security, unemployment, and other public benefit payments; pensions; rental income; interest; dividends; money collected from lawsuits; royalties; and gambling and lottery winnings. If you are filing a joint case and you have income that you received together, list it only once under Debtor 1.

List each source and the gross income from each source separately. Do not include income that you listed in line 4.

- ☐ No
- ☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

	Debtor 1	Debtor 2
	Sources of income Describe below.	Sources of income Describe below.
	Gross income from each source (before deductions and exclusions)	Gross income (before deductions and exclusions)
For last calendar year: (January 1 to December 31, 2017)	Social Security Benefits	
		\$24,518.40
For the calendar year before that: (January 1 to December 31, 2016)	Pension and Annuities	
		\$850.00
	Social Security Benefits	
		\$7,572.00

Part 3: List Certain Payments You Made Before You Filed for Bankruptcy**6. Are either Debtor 1's or Debtor 2's debts primarily consumer debts?**

- ☐ No. **Neither Debtor 1 nor Debtor 2 has primarily consumer debts.** *Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$6,425* or more?

- ☐ No. Go to line 7.
- ☐ Yes List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$6,425* or more in one or more payments and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

* Subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that for cases filed on or after the date of adjustment.

- ☒ Yes. **Debtor 1 or Debtor 2 or both have primarily consumer debts.**

During the 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did you pay any creditor a total of \$600 or more?

- ☒ No. Go to line 7.
- ☐ Yes List below each creditor to whom you paid a total of \$600 or more and the total amount you paid that creditor. Do not include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony. Also, do not include payments to an attorney for this bankruptcy case.

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Creditor's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Was this payment for ...
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7. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make a payment on a debt you owed anyone who was an insider?**

Insiders include your relatives; any general partners; relatives of any general partners; partnerships of which you are a general partner; corporations of which you are an officer, director, person in control, or owner of 20% or more of their voting securities; and any managing agent, including one for a business you operate as a sole proprietor. 11 U.S.C. § 101. Include payments for domestic support obligations, such as child support and alimony.

☒ No☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider.

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment
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8. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you make any payments or transfer any property on account of a debt that benefited an insider?**

Include payments on debts guaranteed or cosigned by an insider.

☒ No☐ Yes. List all payments to an insider

Insider's Name and Address	Dates of payment	Total amount paid	Amount you still owe	Reason for this payment Include creditor's name
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Part 4: Identify Legal Actions, Repossessions, and Foreclosures9. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were you a party in any lawsuit, court action, or administrative proceeding?**

List all such matters, including personal injury cases, small claims actions, divorces, collection suits, paternity actions, support or custody modifications, and contract disputes.

☒ No☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Case title Case number	Nature of the case	Court or agency	Status of the case
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10. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property repossessed, foreclosed, garnished, attached, seized, or levied?**

Check all that apply and fill in the details below.

☒ No. Go to line 11.☐ Yes. Fill in the information below.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the Property Explain what happened	Date	Value of the property
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11. **Within 90 days before you filed for bankruptcy, did any creditor, including a bank or financial institution, set off any amounts from your accounts or refuse to make a payment because you owed a debt?**☒ No☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Creditor Name and Address	Describe the action the creditor took	Date action was taken	Amount
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12. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, was any of your property in the possession of an assignee for the benefit of creditors, a court-appointed receiver, a custodian, or another official?**☒ No☐ Yes

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Part 5: List Certain Gifts and Contributions

13. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person?

☒ No☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift.

Gifts with a total value of more than \$600 per person	Describe the gifts	Dates you gave the gifts	Value
Person to Whom You Gave the Gift and Address:			

14. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give any gifts or contributions with a total value of more than \$600 to any charity?

☒ No☐ Yes. Fill in the details for each gift or contribution.

Gifts or contributions to charities that total more than \$600	Describe what you contributed	Dates you contributed	Value
Charity's Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)			

Part 6: List Certain Losses

15. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy or since you filed for bankruptcy, did you lose anything because of theft, fire, other disaster, or gambling?

☒ No☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Describe the property you lost and how the loss occurred	Describe any insurance coverage for the loss	Date of your loss	Value of property lost
	Include the amount that insurance has paid. List pending insurance claims on line 33 of <i>Schedule A/B: Property</i> .		

Part 7: List Certain Payments or Transfers

16. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone you consulted about seeking bankruptcy or preparing a bankruptcy petition?

Include any attorneys, bankruptcy petition preparers, or credit counseling agencies for services required in your bankruptcy.

☐ No☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address Email or website address Person Who Made the Payment, if Not You	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment
Lynch Law Offices, P.C. 1011 Warrenville Road, Suite 150 Lisle, IL 60532	\$400.00	January 28, 2018	\$400.00
DEBTHELPER.COM 135 N Congress Ave #201 West Palm Beach, FL 33401	\$24.00 for Credit Counseling Course	January 11, 2018	\$24.00

17. Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, did you or anyone else acting on your behalf pay or transfer any property to anyone who promised to help you deal with your creditors or to make payments to your creditors?

Do not include any payment or transfer that you listed on line 16.

☒ No☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Was Paid Address	Description and value of any property transferred	Date payment or transfer was made	Amount of payment

18. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you sell, trade, or otherwise transfer any property to anyone, other than property

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transferred in the ordinary course of your business or financial affairs?

Include both outright transfers and transfers made as security (such as the granting of a security interest or mortgage on your property). Do not include gifts and transfers that you have already listed on this statement.

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Person Who Received Transfer Address	Description and value of property transferred	Describe any property or payments received or debts paid in exchange	Date transfer was made
Person's relationship to you			

19. **Within 10 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you transfer any property to a self-settled trust or similar device of which you are a beneficiary?** (These are often called *asset-protection devices*.)

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of trust	Description and value of the property transferred	Date Transfer was made
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Part 8: List of Certain Financial Accounts, Instruments, Safe Deposit Boxes, and Storage Units

20. **Within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, were any financial accounts or instruments held in your name, or for your benefit, closed, sold, moved, or transferred?**

Include checking, savings, money market, or other financial accounts; certificates of deposit; shares in banks, credit unions, brokerage houses, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, and other financial institutions.

- ☐ No
☒ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution and Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Last 4 digits of account number	Type of account or instrument	Date account was closed, sold, moved, or transferred	Last balance before closing or transfer
Service Corporation International 1929 Allen Parkway Houston, TX 77019	XXXX-N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings <input type="checkbox"/> Money Market <input type="checkbox"/> Brokerage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>401(k)</u>	May 2017	\$360.00

21. **Do you now have, or did you have within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy, any safe deposit box or other depository for securities, cash, or other valuables?**

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Financial Institution Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?
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22. **Have you stored property in a storage unit or place other than your home within 1 year before you filed for bankruptcy?**

- ☒ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of Storage Facility Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Who else has or had access to it? Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the contents	Do you still have it?
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Debtor 1 **James H Merrill****Part 9: Identify Property You Hold or Control for Someone Else**

23. Do you hold or control any property that someone else owns? Include any property you borrowed from, are storing for, or hold in trust for someone.

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Owner's Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Where is the property? (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Describe the property	Value
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Part 10: Give Details About Environmental Information

For the purpose of Part 10, the following definitions apply:

- ☐ **Environmental law** means any federal, state, or local statute or regulation concerning pollution, contamination, releases of hazardous or toxic substances, wastes, or material into the air, land, soil, surface water, groundwater, or other medium, including statutes or regulations controlling the cleanup of these substances, wastes, or material.
- ☐ **Site** means any location, facility, or property as defined under any environmental law, whether you now own, operate, or utilize it or used to own, operate, or utilize it, including disposal sites.
- ☐ **Hazardous material** means anything an environmental law defines as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous material, pollutant, contaminant, or similar term.

Report all notices, releases, and proceedings that you know about, regardless of when they occurred.

24. Has any governmental unit notified you that you may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an environmental law?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice
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25. Have you notified any governmental unit of any release of hazardous material?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Name of site Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Governmental unit Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Environmental law, if you know it	Date of notice
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26. Have you been a party in any judicial or administrative proceeding under any environmental law? Include settlements and orders.

- ☐ No
☐ Yes. Fill in the details.

Case Title Case Number	Court or agency Name Address (Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)	Nature of the case	Status of the case
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Part 11: Give Details About Your Business or Connections to Any Business

27. Within 4 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you own a business or have any of the following connections to any business?

- ☐ A sole proprietor or self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity, either full-time or part-time
- ☐ A member of a limited liability company (LLC) or limited liability partnership (LLP)
- ☐ A partner in a partnership
- ☐ An officer, director, or managing executive of a corporation
- ☐ An owner of at least 5% of the voting or equity securities of a corporation

Debtor 1 James H Merrill

Case number (if known) _____

☒ No. None of the above applies. Go to Part 12.☐ Yes. Check all that apply above and fill in the details below for each business.

Business Name

Address

(Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Describe the nature of the business

Name of accountant or bookkeeper

Employer Identification number

Do not include Social Security number or ITIN.

Dates business existed

28. Within 2 years before you filed for bankruptcy, did you give a financial statement to anyone about your business? Include all financial institutions, creditors, or other parties.

☒ No☐ Yes. Fill in the details below.

Name

Address

(Number, Street, City, State and ZIP Code)

Date Issued

Part 12: Sign Below

I have read the answers on this *Statement of Financial Affairs* and any attachments, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the answers are true and correct. I understand that making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ James H Merrill

James H Merrill

Signature of Debtor 1

Signature of Debtor 2Date February 21, 2018_____
Date

Did you attach additional pages to *Your Statement of Financial Affairs for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 107)?

☒ No☐ Yes

Did you pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help you fill out bankruptcy forms?

☒ No☐ Yes. Name of Person _____. Attach the *Bankruptcy Petition Preparer's Notice, Declaration, and Signature* (Official Form 119).

Fill in this information to identify your case:

Debtor 1 **James H Merrill**
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Debtor 2
(Spouse if, filing) First Name Middle Name Last Name

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

Case number
(if known)

☐ Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 108 Statement of Intention for Individuals Filing Under Chapter 7

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If you are an individual filing under chapter 7, you must fill out this form if:

- ☒ creditors have claims secured by your property, or
- ☒ you have leased personal property and the lease has not expired.

You must file this form with the court within 30 days after you file your bankruptcy petition or by the date set for the meeting of creditors, whichever is earlier, unless the court extends the time for cause. You must also send copies to the creditors and lessors you list on the form

If two married people are filing together in a joint case, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. Both debtors must sign and date the form.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known).

Part 1: List Your Creditors Who Have Secured Claims

1. For any creditors that you listed in Part 1 of Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 106D), fill in the information below.

Identify the creditor and the property that is collateral	What do you intend to do with the property that secures a debt?	Did you claim the property as exempt on Schedule C?
Creditor's name: PNC Bank	<input type="checkbox"/> Surrender the property. <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and redeem it. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and enter into a <i>Reaffirmation Agreement</i> . <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and [explain]:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Description of property securing debt: 16554 Buckner Pond Way Crest Hill, IL 60403 Will County Value via Zillow on February 20, 2018		
Creditor's name: Wells Fargo Home Mor	<input type="checkbox"/> Surrender the property. <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and redeem it. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and enter into a <i>Reaffirmation Agreement</i> . <input type="checkbox"/> Retain the property and [explain]:	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Description of property securing debt: 16554 Buckner Pond Way Crest Hill, IL 60403 Will County Value via Zillow on February 20, 2018		

Part 2: List Your Unexpired Personal Property Leases

For any unexpired personal property lease that you listed in Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 106G), fill in the information below. Do not list real estate leases. Unexpired leases are leases that are still in effect; the lease period has not yet ended. You may assume an unexpired personal property lease if the trustee does not assume it. 11 U.S.C. § 365(p)(2).

Describe your unexpired personal property leases	Will the lease be assumed?
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Debtor 1 **James H Merrill**

Case number (if known) _____

Lessor's name: ☐ No
Description of leased Property: ☐ Yes

Lessor's name: ☐ No
Description of leased Property: ☐ Yes

Lessor's name: ☐ No
Description of leased Property: ☐ Yes

Lessor's name: ☐ No
Description of leased Property: ☐ Yes

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Description of leased Property: ☐ Yes

Lessor's name: ☐ No
Description of leased Property: ☐ Yes

Part 3: Sign Below

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have indicated my intention about any property of my estate that secures a debt and any personal property that is subject to an unexpired lease.

X /s/ James H Merrill
James H Merrill
Signature of Debtor 1

X _____
Signature of Debtor 2

Date February 21, 2018

Date _____

Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,
and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts.
Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C.
§ 101(8) as "incurred by an individual
primarily for a personal, family, or
household purpose."

The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under
one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan
for family farmers or
fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan
for individuals with regular
income

**You should have an attorney review your
decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of
chapter.**

Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245	filing fee
\$75	administrative fee
<u>+</u>	<u>\$15 trustee surcharge</u>
\$335	total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form—the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form—sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

Chapter 11: Reorganization

	\$1,167	filing fee
+	\$550	administrative fee
	\$1,717	total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$275	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$310	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

- domestic support obligations,
- most student loans,
- certain taxes,
- debts for fraud or theft,
- debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,
- most criminal fines and restitution obligations,
- certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,
- certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and
- certain long-term secured debts.

Warning: File Your Forms on Time

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:
http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.

Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Make sure the court has your mailing address

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from:
http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:
<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCreditAndDebtCounselors.aspx>.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.

B2030 (Form 2030) (12/15)

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois

In re **James H Merrill**

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter

7

DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept	\$	1,900.00
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received	\$	25.00
Balance Due	\$	1,875.00

2. \$ **335.00** of the filing fee has been paid.
3. The source of the compensation paid to me was:
☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
4. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:
☒ Debtor ☐ Other (specify):
5. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.
☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.
6. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:
a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
d. [Other provisions as needed]
7. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

February 21, 2018

Date

/s/ Steven L Walker

Steven L Walker 6325928

Signature of Attorney

Lynch Law Offices, P.C.

1011 Warrenville Road, Ste. 150

Lisle, IL 60532

630-960-4700 Fax: 630-324-7131

SWalker@Lynch4Law.Com

Name of law firm

Lynch Law Offices, P.C.

CHAPTER 7 - BANKRUPTCY RETAINER AGREEMENT

Client Name: JAMES Merrill

Date: 1/6/18

The undersigned, (Client), retains Lynch Law Offices, P.C. (Attorney) to represent Client in a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy proceeding and Attorney accepts this employment. Attorney has agreed to represent client for a Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Attorney Fee of \$ 1,900.00 individual / \$2,100.00 Joint with estimated cost of \$ 375.00 Individual / \$405.00 Joint which is comprised of the Filing Fee (\$335.00), Credit Reports (\$40.00 individual / \$70.00 joint) and all pacer fees, postage and copies.

Total due to File the Bankruptcy: \$2,505.00 Joint Case

\$ 2,275.00 Individual Case

Minimum Down payment today of \$ \$500.00 200

Balance Due to file \$

Balance to be paid as follows: Auto Debit - 100 month on 28th

Lynch Law Offices, P.C. Pre-Petition Attorney Fee is \$ Costs Paid \$

Lynch Law Offices, P.C. Post-Petition Attorney Fee is \$ Costs Due \$

Total Post Petition Fees and costs due \$

I understand that after my Bankruptcy is filed; I may sign a second retainer agreement promising to pay for Post-Petition Legal Services to be performed by Lynch Law Offices, P.C. I understand that I will be under no obligation to do so and can refuse to sign such an agreement. However, Lynch Law Offices, P.C. reserves the right to withdraw representation (pursuant to Local Standing Order dated 2/17/04 & Local Bankruptcy Rule 2091-1 B) in the event that I do not elect to enter into the Post-Petition Contract.

Payments on the above attorney fee are "advance payment retainers" and become property of this firm on payment. **Down payments cover all work done after the free consultation and are performed at contract rate and are not refundable. The minimum down payment of \$500.00 is non-refundable.** Payments are applied to your "flat fee". If you or we terminate this contract, we will bill you for any work done at \$350.00/hr. attorney time and \$95/hr. clerk time with an accounting within 30 days if requested in writing. Once the petition is completed and you are notified that a signing appointment is scheduled 80% of the fee is due and non-refundable. Any unearned fees will be promptly refunded after the delivery of the invoice.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. I/We acknowledge receipt of 11 U.S.C. 527(a) disclosures (attached as Exhibit A).
2. The attorney fee includes analysis of your financial situation, and rendering advice in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules statement of affairs which may be required, representation at one meeting of creditors.
3. Fee does NOT include missed court dates and amendments to schedules, audits and examinations in addition to meeting of creditors, contested matters, non-routine motions, objections to discharge or adversary complaints. Fees for these additional services will be billed at the rate of \$350.00 per hour if necessary and, if requested attorney agrees to provide a separate retainer agreement for these matters.
4. **No case will be filed in court unless I provide fee, costs and info and I sign my petition. I/We understand collection action (including but not limited to garnishment, levy and foreclosure) continues until case is filed in bankruptcy court.**
5. I/We understand the option of both Chapter 13 and Chapter 7. I/We understand that the U.S. Trustee may oppose a Chapter 7 filing on grounds of excess income, or abuse, or other grounds.
6. I/We understand that my attorney may refuse to sign a reaffirmation agreement on my secured debts if it imposes an undue hardship upon me. One (1) reaffirmation agreements are included in the flat fee. Any additional reaffirmations agreements will be billed separately in the amount of \$150.00 per Agreement.
7. I/We understand that Bankruptcy law only permits me to protect a certain amount of my property by exempting it, and that ANY non-exempt property may be taken by the Chapter 7 trustee and sold. I agree to read my final petition and provide accurate information. If ANY property is not claimed exempt the Chapter 7 Trustee can sell it if I do not or cannot buy out the Trustee's interest.
8. Creditors and the U.S. Trustee can object to discharge in Chapter 7 for many reasons and I have discussed this with my attorney.
9. I understand that certain debts such as student loans, child and/or spousal support, recent taxes, fines, matters regarding fraud, traffic and criminal fines and debts creditors successfully object to are NOT dischargeable in Chapter 7.
10. If I close my file or breach this contract I agree to pay for the work done up to and including the final closing of the case.
11. I/We agree not to incur or transfer debt or property before this case is filed and discharged, without court permission.

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12. I/We assign to my attorney all amounts tendered as filing fees and authorize my attorney to transfer said funds from his trust account to his operating account if case is not filed.
13. I/We have filed all tax returns for last 4 years or will file them before this case is filed. I/We understand that the case will be dismissed by the US Trustee if all tax returns are not filed.
14. I agree that more than one attorney may work on my case and that if the firm name or structure changes this agreement remains in force with the new entity. We hire other attorneys to work with this law firm and part of your fees may be paid to them on the basis of work & responsibility.
15. I understand that I must keep child support payments current, I also understand that I must provide the name and address for the person receiving the support payments and that he/she may be notified of my bankruptcy.
16. Chapter 7 Discharge is subject to Court and creditor approval or objection.
17. I/We understand that if I/we have a lawsuit or get served with a summons, I/we agree to do all things necessary to file this bankruptcy case before a judgment is entered. Judgments become liens on all real and personal property, and the resulting lien may not be able to be eliminated. I/We may be asked to provide a real estate appraisal before filing. If I/we have a foreclosure suit pending, I/we understand that it may proceed quickly to a sheriff sale. It is my/our duty to do what is necessary to file this bankruptcy prior to the foreclosure sale. I release Lynch Law Offices, P.C and their attorneys and his associated attorney from any liability for judgments resulting in garnishments or liens on property before my case is filed. **It is understood that Lynch Law Offices, P.C does not represent me in any lawsuits and is only representing my/our interests in the bankruptcy matter. Any information or assistance offered by Lynch Law Offices, P.C in other matters is strictly for informational purposes only and does not constitute legal representation nor legal counsel in that matter.**

The undersigned client agrees and understands the following

1. **Two credit counseling classes are required.** I will take 2 classes: One Credit Counseling before filing and One Financial Class within 10 days after Filing. I will provide my attorney the certificates to file in court.
2. **Document production required.** Before filing, I agree to supply my attorney with copies, not originals, of a. Last 7 months of pay stubs before filing; b. Last 2 years of filed federal tax transcripts or filed stamped copies of returns; c. The previous 3 months of bank statements for all accounts; d. Proof of all household income I have received in the last 7 months; e. Any documents on the document list we are giving you for your district or that the trustee asks for after filing; f. If you have high credit card balances, the last 2 years statements: after filing you may not be able to get them.
3. **Truthfulness under penalty of perjury:** I must tell the truth in all matters and a. List all creditors. I agree that is my responsibility and I will pay any unlisted creditors; b. List all property including cash value life insurance, household goods and real estate interests; c. List all joint property with others and any transfers of property in last 10 years; d. Supply any information after filing that my attorney or my Trustee requests.
4. **Chapter 7 or 13 eligibility:** The Chapter I can file is determined by my income and expenses allowed under the IRS guidelines. It is possible that as I continue to supply information to my attorney, the advice I have been given may change, which may mean that I will have to file a Chapter different from the one I originally agreed to. If that happens, I still have to pay for work done if I decide not to file the bankruptcy.
5. **Time Sensitive:** Do NOT delay in supplying the information that we are requesting. The information and documentation is extremely time sensitive. If my information changes, or I fail to make regular payments no less than each 30 days on fees, and pay my fees and costs in full within 4 months, my case may be closed by this office and I may have to pay all fees in cash with an additional fee to reopen it and continue, and supply necessary information again.
6. **Tax Refunds:** If I receive a tax refund, it is possible that there has been over-withholding too much tax, creating excess income I could use now to pay expenses or debt. I agree to turn over any tax refunds due or received after filing to the Trustee. I have been advised to go to my tax preparer or an IRS service office and adjust my withholding before filing so it covers my tax liability and no more.
7. **Credit Report Consent:** I give authorization for Online Credit Reporting Corporation to access my credit report information including all medical information being reported and I give authorization for Lynch Law Offices, P.C. to order and review my credit report. By signing this document you are verifying all the information above is correct.

I/we have read the above; the attorney has explained any questions and I agree to all terms.

Lynch Law Offices, P.C.

By: 

Date: 1/6/18

Down payment received by: _____

Date: _____ Amt. _____

Lynch Law Offices, P.C.

REQUIRED 11 U.S.C. 527 Disclosure

"IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT BANKRUPTCY ASSISTANCE SERVICES FROM AN ATTORNEY OR BANKRUPTCY PETITION PREPARER.

1. "If you decide to seek bankruptcy relief, you can represent yourself, you can hire an attorney to represent you, or you can get help in some localities from a bankruptcy petition preparer who is not an attorney. THE LAW REQUIRES AN ATTORNEY OR BANKRUPTCY PETITION PREPARER TO GIVE YOU A WRITTEN CONTRACT SPECIFYING WHAT THE ATTORNEY OR BANKRUPTCY PETITION PREPARER WILL DO FOR YOU AND HOW MUCH IT WILL COST. Ask to see the contract before you hire anyone.

"The following information helps you understand what must be done in a routine bankruptcy case to help you evaluate how much service you need. Although bankruptcy can be complex, many cases are routine.

"Before filing a bankruptcy case, either you or your attorney should analyze your eligibility for different forms of debt relief available under the Bankruptcy Code and which form of relief is most likely to be beneficial for you. Be sure you understand the relief you can obtain and its limitations. To file a bankruptcy case, documents called a Petition, Schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs, as well as in some cases a Statement of Intention need to be prepared correctly and filed with the bankruptcy court. You will have to pay a filing fee to the bankruptcy court. Once your case starts, you will have to attend the required first meeting of creditors where you may be questioned by a court official called a 'trustee' and by creditors.

"If you choose to file a chapter 7 case, you may be asked by a creditor to reaffirm a debt. You may want help deciding whether to do so. A creditor is not permitted to coerce you into reaffirming your debts.

"If you choose to file a chapter 13 case in which you repay your creditors what you can afford over 3 to 5 years, you may also want help with preparing your chapter 13 plan and with the confirmation hearing on your plan which will be before a bankruptcy judge.

"If you select another type of relief under the Bankruptcy Code other than chapter 7 or chapter 13, you will want to find out what should be done from someone familiar with that type of relief.

"Your bankruptcy case may also involve litigation. You are generally permitted to represent yourself in litigation in bankruptcy court, but only attorneys, not bankruptcy petition preparers, can give you legal advice."

Lynch Law Offices, P.C.

CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY POST-PETITION CONTRACT FOR LEGAL SERVICES

I _____ HEREBY AGREE TO RETAIN LYNCH LAW OFFICES, P.C. FOR POST-PETITION LEGAL SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED AS A RESULT OF HAVING FILED FOR CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY ON _____. MY CHAPTER 7 BANKRUPTCY CASE NUMBER IS _____. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FOLLOWING POST-PETITION LEGAL SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED:

Post filing and Pre-Discharge contact with creditors, sending notification of the automatic stay to creditors who fail to cease collection proceedings after receiving notice from the court, enforcement of automatic stay violations, review and negotiating of reaffirmation agreements, review of redemption agreements, representation in motions for relief from automatic stay, correspondence with creditors, correspondence with the Chapter 7 Trustee, representation at my First Meeting of Creditors, review of and filing of Debtor Education Certificate (official form 23), preparing motions to set aside personal property liens pursuant to U.S.C.522(f) (2) or judicial lien pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 522(f)(1) (however, these motions are to be included in the contemplated services to be rendered only if liens are disclosed to Lynch Law Offices, P.C. prior to signing this contract), post-petition amendments, motions for redemption, response to case audits by US Trustee, regular, case administration and monitoring, sending notices to utility companies to avoid shutoff or reinstate service, sending notice to the Secretary of State to stop suspension of driving privileges that violate the Bankruptcy Automatic Stay, and routine services not specifically stated, including services pursuant to local rules and/or standing orders of court.

The post-petition fees are as follows:

Lynch Law Offices, P.C. Pre-Petition Attorney Fee was \$ _____ Costs Paid \$ _____
Lynch Law Offices, P.C. Post-Petition Attorney Fee is \$ _____ Costs Due \$ _____
Total Post Petition Fees and costs due \$ _____

To be paid as follows:

Post-Petition Attorney Fee and Costs \$ _____ at the rate of \$ _____ per payment, to begin on _____ and every _____ thereafter until the balance is paid. (See Debit Authorization)

I understand that after my Bankruptcy is filed; I may sign a second retainer agreement promising to pay for Post-Petition Legal Services to be performed by Lynch Law Offices, P.C. I understand that I will be under no obligation to do so and can refuse to sign such an agreement. However, Lynch Law Offices, P.C. reserves the right to withdraw representation (pursuant to Local Standing Order dated 2/17/04 & Local Bankruptcy Rule 2091-1 B) in the event that I do not elect to enter into the Post-Petition Contract.

In the event that the undersigned fails to pay any balance due under this agreement, the undersigned agrees to remain liable on the entire balance due as well as reasonable attorney fees and costs for collection pursuant to this agreement.

DATED: _____

Client

Lynch Law Offices, P.C.

Client

**United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois**

In re **James H Merrill** Debtor(s) Case No. _____
Chapter **7**

VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX

Number of Creditors: **10**

The above-named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the list of creditors is true and correct to the best of my (our) knowledge.

Date: **February 21, 2018**

/s/ James H Merrill
James H Merrill
Signature of Debtor

Amex
Correspondence
Po Box 981540
El Paso, TX 79998

Capital One Na
Attn: General Correspondence/Bankruptcy
Po Box 30285
Salt Lake City, UT 84130

Citibank / Sears
Citicorp Credit Services/Attn: Centraliz
Po Box 790040
Saint Louis, MO 63179

Citibank/Shell Oil
Citicorp Srvs/ Centralized Bankruptcy
Po Box 790040
St Louis, MO 63179

Citicards Cbna
Citicorp Credit Svc/Centralized Bankrupt
Po Box 790040
Saint Louis, MO 63179

Illinois Department of Revenue
Bankruptcy Section
PO Box 64338
Chicago, IL 60664-0338

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
PO Box 7346
Philadelphia, PA 19101-7346

PNC Bank
Attn: Bankruptcy Department
Po Box 94982: Mailstop Br-Yb58-01-5
Cleveland, OH 44101

Synchrony Bank
Attn: Bankruptcy
Po Box 965060
Orlando, FL 32896

Wells Fargo Home Mor
Written Correspondence Resolutions
Mac#2302-04e
DesMoines, IA 50306